

Growth Management Oversight Commission

May 04, 2006
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room
Ken Lee Building

MINUTES

GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Spethman Garcia Little
Krogh Waters Arroyo
Moya Tripp Palma

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Stephens, GMOC Coordinator
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT: Bruce Husson, Interim Superintendent;
Robin Duveen, Senior, Project Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

With Chairman Spethman and Vice-Chairman Krogh not yet having arrived, Mark Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and asked the commissioners present to select a Chairman Pro Tempore. On Commissioner Tripp's nomination, Commissioner Garcia assumed the role. Mr. Stephens noted that Vice-Chairman Krogh informed him he would be arriving late because of a family medical appointment, and Chairman Spethman was expected shortly. The secretary called the roll.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the April 27, 2006 meeting were presented and approved without changes. Motion was carried and seconded by Commissioners Waters and Little. Commissioners Palma and Tripp abstained because they were not in attendance at that meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public asked to make comments on items not on the agenda.

4. INTERVIEW WITH SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING 2006 GMOC QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

The Chairman Pro Tempore invited Mr. Husson to make his presentation to the Commission. Mark introduced both representatives from SUHSD, Bruce Husson and Robin Duveen. (Chairman Spethman and Commissioner Moya arrived shortly after 6:10 p.m.) Mr. Husson thanked

the Commission for having them present. He stated that the District refers to its Long-Range Facilities Master Plan to stay on track for their upgrades and new construction. The document is updated regularly. Funding is from a bond issue and matching funds from the State for a total of \$315 million. The upgrades and modernization were accelerated from the originally proposed completion date of 2018 to be completed by July of next year. All the schools in the District are undergoing some type of modernization. The District has calculated that the remaining work necessary to complete other desired improvements would cost \$540 million, and a bond measure is being looked at to go on the November ballot.

Mr. Husson mentioned that a concern in previous years was whether the SUHSD had the ability to keep up with the development and growth in the City, but because of the expedited acquisition and development of new campuses, this is no longer an issue. He stated that the District has made great forward strides with the help of the City and the development community, such as High School #13, which is scheduled to open this year with the 9th and 10th grades. The 11th and 12th grades will be added next year, when the school will be completed.

High School #14 will include a new concept 7 to 12 grade school which will be a smaller campus with multiple-story buildings still housing all the necessary amenities. The District went out to the community polling on preferences for specific study-concentrations for the new schools. The responses favored math/science and the plans went forward accordingly due to the proximity of traditional schools to allow the parents choice for their students. Mr. Husson and Mr. Duveen showed the Commission a drawing of the proposed school, which would incorporate middle and high school students on two separate sides of the campus with one administrative complex in the center serving both. These would be 2 or 3 story buildings and this would cut down on land costs as well as providing efficiencies through common use of some facilities. There will be an Olympic-size swimming pool for use by both middle and high school students with aquatics programs. By virtue of proximity of other high schools with such facilities, there would not be a stadium for football or track and field sports on campus. The pool would be made available to other schools as well as to the community. Chairman Spethman encouraged formalizing agreements for shared use of the pool as a priority. The anticipated opening of the Middle School is in 2008, and phase one of the High School is 2009. A High Tech High campus will also be located at the University site. (Commissioner Krogh arrived at approximately 6:40 p.m.)

It was noted by the Chairman and other commissioners that there has been much progress made by the Sweetwater Union High School District, which is one of the largest of its type in the country.

Mr. Husson addressed the questions previously raised by the commissioners who then thanked the representatives for their time and the information. Mr. Husson thanked the Commission for their support.

5. DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mark Stephens recapped the action of the group to date on the initial draft of the report. He invited any additional comments, in particular from any of the commissioners who were absent from the previous meeting where this was discussed. It was suggested that High School #14 be added as a site for the GMOC field trip next year, as well as a campus that has been modernized.

Mark informed the group that he had polled the Fire Department for data requested by the GMOC on statistics per fiscal year, and this will be sent to him shortly. Performance data by station for February and March, 2006 was supplied and distributed by the secretary.

Commissioner Moya asked if a fire station on Oneida Street would be reopened. Mark stated that he would try to get the details and refer back to the Commission. Commissioner Little asked for a map of the locations of the various stations and Commissioner Garcia asked for a key to the document that was distributed.

Mark invited any additional comments on the annual report draft be sent to him, which he would continue to incorporate into the refined draft for the next meeting on May 18, 2006. At that meeting additional information would also be provided on the Top to Bottom Review.

6. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENT

(a) Chairman's Comments: Disposition of Interim State Route 125 Development Impact Fee Questions - Mark distributed copies of the January 18, 2006 memo previously sent from the Chairman to the Commission regarding this topic and noted that this item arose from prior requests from Commissioner Krogh as to whether the issue should be revisited and put back on an upcoming GMOC agenda. The Chairman stated that his position has not changed, but he felt that it would be fair to give the Commission the opportunity to act on this for the current annual review. Commissioner Krogh asked if he could present his position, and Chairman Spethman replied that the question was whether the Commission wanted to agendaize the item to have further discussion. The Chairman asked who was opposed to revisiting this on a future agenda, and Commissioners Palma, Garcia, Little, Spethman, Arroyo, Waters, and Tripp voted to oppose placing it on a future GMOC agenda. The Chairman then asked who was in favor of revisiting it on a future agenda, and Commissioner Krogh voted in favor, and Commissioner Moya abstained.

(b) Comments re. Southwest Chula Vista - Commissioner Palma stated that he was not ready with his report and that it be hoped to have more information for the next meeting. Commissioner Palma voiced his positive comments on completion of Harborside Park and improvements being made in the southwestern area of the City.

Other Comments - Commissioner Little asked if there were any hotels proposed for the eastern part of the City. Mark will investigate and reply.

Mark had the secretary distribute a memorandum conveying this year's annual State Department of Finance population and housing estimates for Chula Vista and other San Diego County jurisdictions.

He also reminded the commissioners of the communiqué from the Mayor's office regarding a City Filipino-American Forum on May 13.

Mark related that the term of some of the commissioners runs through June 30, 2006, and advised those eligible for a second term to consider whether they are interested in reappointment. Commissioners whose terms expire continue to serve until a successor is named, as long as they remain eligible. The secretary was requested to make inquiries on the date of the annual City Boards and Commissions Banquet.

7. NEXT MEETING

This is scheduled for May 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Ken Lee Building, 430 F Street.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

Rabbia Phillip
Secretary

Mark Stephens
Growth Management Coordinator